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To Create a Department of Psychiatry and Sociology at the State Prison in San Quentin, Cal.—

An act creating the department of psychiatry and sociology at the state penitentiary at San Quentin; providing for its organization; defining its powers and duties, and the powers and duties of its members; and making an appropriation to carry out the provisions hereof.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a department of psychiatry and sociology at the state penitentiary located at San Quentin.

SEC. 2. Within ten days after this act goes into effect, the governor shall appoint a psychiatrist, a psychologist and a sociologist. The psychiatrist shall be the chief executive of the department of psychiatry and sociology, and shall have had training for at least one year in one of the state hospitals for the insane. Each member shall be appointed to hold office for a term of four years. The governor shall fill all vacancies created in said department by the appointment of the same kind of specialist as was his predecessor.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the board of prison directors to make and adopt such rules as are necessary for the conduct of the business of the department of psychiatry and sociology; to provide equipment for said department with necessary furniture, fixtures, apparatus, appurtenances, appliances and materials for the proper conduct of said department.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the members of said department to conduct an examination and investigation of the case of every person committed to the state penitentiary at San Quentin.

SEC. 5. It shall be their duty to define from a psychiatric, psychological and sociological standpoint, the type of problem presented in each case; to make a scientific analysis of the various causative factors operative in each case; to outline the most promising plan of treatment for meeting at the same time, the needs of social security and the individual prisoner's reclamation; to bring to the attention of the prison directors and the warden of the state penitentiary at San Quentin the method of treatment proposed in each individual case.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the members of said department to make an annual report to the governor and prison directors, such report to include the plan of treatment suggested, the treatment given, and the result accomplished.

SEC. 7. Suitable offices for the proper conduct of the department shall be provided by the warden of the state penitentiary at San Quentin.

SEC. 8. The psychiatrist of said department shall receive a salary of five thousand dollars per annum; the psychologist and the sociologist shall each receive a salary of two thousand four hundred dollars per annum.

SEC. 9. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise expended, the sum of thirty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be used by said department in furnishing, equipping and maintaining the same in accordance with the provisions of this act, and for the payment of the salaries herein provided for, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, and the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921.

SEC. 10. The state controller is hereby directed to draw warrants in favor of the said department at such times and in such amounts as shall be approved by the state board of control, and the state treasurer is hereby directed to pay the same.—Introduced by Mrs. Saylor, Jan. 22, 1919. Referred to the Committee on Prisons and Reformation. Assembly Bill No. 489, A. V.

For Criminal Records in Illinois.—The Chicago Crime Commission, organized under the auspices of the Chicago Association of Commerce, is attempting to secure an adequate system of criminal records for Illinois. To that end it has had a bill introduced in the state legislature to amend "An Act in relation to the civil administration of the state government, and to repeal certain acts therein named," approved March 7, 1917, in force July 1, 1917, by providing for a State Custodian of Criminal Records and Information in the Department of Public Welfare, and by prescribing his powers and duties. (Since this matter was put into type the bill has been considerably altered and reported out favorably by the committees of the Senate and the House respectively, and passed by the Senate. It is known as S. B. 475 and H. B. 675. In our next number we will publish the modified draft.—ED.)

Below is the amendment as it relates to the powers and duties of the custodian:

Sec. 53a. The custodian of criminal records and information shall have power, and it shall be his duty:

1. To gather, keep, receive and preserve in permanent books and records provided for that purpose, reports, data and information of and concerning complaints of felonies and misdemeanors committed or suspected, the name or names of the party or parties suspected, if known, or a personal description of such suspect, together with the name and address of the complainant or informant; the date upon which and the place where the alleged offense was committed; the department or officer to whom the same was referred for investigation and its or his action thereon; the date of arrest, if any, and the court and the branch thereof taking jurisdiction of the complaint and the action taken by the court thereon; the action of the grand jury, if any, upon such complaint and the date thereof; the amount of bond fixed, the date of furnishing same, and the names and addresses of the sureties thereon; the judgment and sentence of the court in cases of indictment and information and the date of suing out a writ of error, if any; the action of the appellate or supreme court; the date of confinement in the jail, penitentiary, or such institution as the defendant is committed to; the length of time actually served there; date of parole, pardon or discharge and reasons therefor, except where discharged on account of expiration of time fixed in sentence of court; the amount of fine, if any, imposed and date of payment or satisfaction thereof; in case of forfeiture or bail for non-appearance, or other reason, date of collection of amount of bond, and of beginning suit upon such bond, name of court in which begun and action of court thereon; if no suit upon such bond is instituted or settlement of liability thereon made the reasons for not taking necessary action to collect; action of the court in cases of non-appearance as to issuing process for apprehension of fugitive, name of officer to whom process given for service, with date thereof and action taken by such officer. He shall also keep an additional and separate record containing the names and addresses of sureties on bonds furnished in cases of felonies and